

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BILLINGS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MATTHEW KEITH PRICE,

Defendant.

CR-16-68-BLG-SPW-CSO

**FINDINGS AND  
RECOMMENDATION OF  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Defendant, by consent, appeared before me under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 and entered pleas of guilty to the following counts stated in the Superseding Information (*ECF No. 53*):

(1) Count I, which charges Conspiracy to Possess Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute, in violation of 21 U.S.C. Section 846, and

(2) Count II, which charges Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1956(h).

After examining the Defendant under oath, the Court determined:

1. That the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed and voluntary plea to the criminal offense charged against

him;

2. That the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charge against him and the consequences of pleading guilty to the charge;

3. That the Defendant fully understands his pertinent constitutional rights and the extent to which he is waiving those rights by pleading guilty to the criminal offense charged against him; and

4. That his plea of guilty to the criminal offense charged against him is knowingly and voluntarily entered, and is supported by independent factual grounds sufficient to prove each of the essential elements of the offense charged.

The Court further concludes that the Defendant had adequate time to review the Plea Agreement with counsel, that Defendant fully understands each and every provision of the agreement and that all of the statements in the Plea Agreement are true.

Therefore, I recommend that the Defendant be adjudged guilty of Counts I and II of the Superseding Information and that sentence be imposed.

Objections to these Findings and Recommendation are waived unless filed and served within fourteen (14) days after the filing of the

Findings and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); Fed. R. Crim.  
P 59(b)(2).

DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of October, 2016.

/s/ Carolyn S. Ostby  
United States Magistrate Judge